PLANS MADE FOR CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL

Washington, D. C.- When will the Civil War Centennial officially start?

This question was answered today by Karl S. Betts, executive director of the National Civil War Centennial Commission, with an announcement that the impending five-year series of observances will begin on January 9, 1961, with a commemoration of the incident in which the merchant steamer "Star of the West" on her way with provisions for Fort Sumter, was driven out of the harbor at Charleston, S. C., by protesting Southerners.

His choice of starting dates came as the agency neared the end of its second year of coordinating plans for the nation-wide series of commemorative events.

At this stage of the planning, Mr. Betts reported, 35 programs, including some battle re-enactments, have been definitely or tentatively scheduled in 16 states and the District of Columbia. Thirty-seven states have set up their own Centennial Commissions, a move in line with the national agency's policy of having the observances originate at the grass-roots level.

South Carolina, according to the executive director, has been at work for months on plans for proper observance of the "Star of the West" centennial anniversary. The program outlined would hinge at Charleston around the Citidel Academy, cadets from which fired the guns pointed to repel efforts to reinforce Fort Sumter. General Mark Clark, distinguished World War II leader and president of the institution, has offered his complete cooperation.

One of the highlights of the program will be a reunion of recipients of the Star of the West medal, since 1893 an award presented annually to the best-drilled cadet at the Citadel. They will be expected to arrive on January 7 and, the next day, will attend a memorial service and visit Fort Sumter. Ceremonies on the 9th will open with a parade of the Citadel cadets through the business section of Charleston, to be followed by an assembly at the school at which someone of national prominence will speak. A banquet will close the program.

A chief objective in starting the Centennial observance on January 9, Mr. Betts explained, will be to make the public conscious of the almost ignored chapter of American history represented by the Star of the West. The Administration at Washington, striving to maintain peace, attempted to slip provisions in to embattled Fort Sumter via the merchant steamer, rather than a war vessel. But the Southerners were alerted and fired on the ship, striking it three times and driving it back to New York.

"Many people think of Fort Sumter as the beginning of the Civil War, said the executive director, "but I look upon the Star of the West incident as the actual start. That was when the first shooting took place, and the war might have developed rapidly thereafter but for the impending change of Administration scheduled for March 4. It is my impression that what happened in Charleston harbor on January 9, 1861, was a slow-burning fuse to a bomb that exploded with the firing on Fort Sumter the following April 12."

Other observances, he reported, will follow rapidly on the heels of the opening ceremony. After a program calling attention to the attack on Fort Sumter, the next big event will be the re-enactment of the first battle of Manassas, the initial major engagement of the war. Already Virginia is well advanced with its plans for this part of the Centennial.

At Manassas, a special committee named by the Chamber of Commerce has been active for months. At present it is busy with efforts to have the entire area of northern Virginia organized into a task force to aid with the observance. As an additional boost, Governor J. Lindsay Almond, Jr., has invited all states with troops in the original engagement to send contingents to participate in the re-enactment.

During the morning of the anniversary date, a giant review will be held on the battle site. That afternoon, the crux of the engagement will be re-staged in authentic detail. Participants, provided by the North-South Shoot, will be dressed in correct uniforms of the Civil War period and will carry guns of the type used in 1861. The Department of Defense will cooperate.

Even more widespread programs are planned for 1962. New Mexico is making arrangements to stage a program calling attention to the battle of Valverde. Arkansas has raised $500,000 to buy the Pea Ridge battle site, donated it to the National Park Service, and will have fitting ceremonies to mark its dedication as a national park.

At Washington, D. C., on April 18 of that year, a giant assembly will be held at the Washington Cathedral to pay tribute to the winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor, an award originated during the Civil War. Survivors of the recipients have been invited to participate, and many of the medals will be placed on display.

A major re-enactment for 1962 will be that of the battle of Antietam. Maryland has announced a program that will extend from September 6-17. Cooperating in plans, Governor J. Millard Tawes, became the first chief executive of a state to issue a nation-wide invitation to the public to participate in the Centennial.

In March, 1963, a group of admirers will come down to Virginia from New Hampshire to erect a plaque in memory of John Pelham, the gallant young artillerist from Alabama who made history with his guns as a part of Jeb Stuart's cavalry. A commemorative ceremony in May will mark the battle of Port Gibson in Mississippi.

Among other ceremonies already planned, Louisiana will re-enact in April, 1964, the battle of Mansfield, and Mississippi in June will restage the battle of Brice's Cross Roads. During October, Kansas will have a program in memory of the battle of Mine Creek. Several events have been scheduled for 1965.

"I am delighted with the activities of the various state Centennial Commissions," Mr. Betts commented. "Most of them are extremely active, and I a mable to say confidently at this stage that the Centennial will be the greatest pageant this nation has ever had. As can be seen from the events already planned, it will not be a mere series of battle re-enactments, but will be made up of programs of wide variety, most of them of an educational or religious nature."

Kitchen, The Heart of The House

The kitchen is the heart of almost every house today. Rare is the household that can afford a full-time cook— this puts mother in the kitchen a good deal of the time.

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Even the sink loses the kitchen look when tucked inconspicuously into an alcove between a brick fireplace and the wall.

The necessary items for the kitchen are best kept close together where they can function efficiently and yet be somewhat unobtrusive. The rest of the room can be devoted to family living and informal entertaining.

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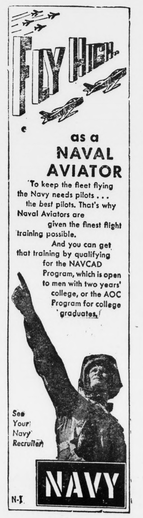

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Bread Project: Mamie Painter, Joette Paulette, Arlene Paulette.

Canning Project: E. Ann Martin, Barbara Kay Staples, Jill Henry, Cynthia Richardson.

Clothing Project: Marie Scott, Betsy Williams, Virginia Bryant, Mary W. McClenny.

Dairy Project: Thomas Lucado.

Dairy Foods: Jenny Henry, Carolyn Almond, Nancy Scruggs.

Electric Project: Linda Hall, Catherine Richardson, Tom Evans, Tom Harrison.

Entomology: Judy McKinney, Michael Torrence, Margaret Moore, Faye Arrington.

by club members and a selection from the County Share the Fun Contest.

Awards were presented to 4-H Field Crops: Gene Chernault, Norman Booth, Jimmy Martin, Richard Martin.

Forestry: Grey Hesson.

Food Preparation: Ginger Bean, Marietta Drinkard, Gloria Ann Reynolds, Carolyn Coleman.

Frozen Foods: Patricia Ferguson, Jane Richardson, Eloise Bondurant, Sue Hocker.

Garden: Barbara Lee, Joan Lucado, John Alvis, Scottie Morris.

Girls' Home Economics: Winifred Lee, Luella Martin.

Health: Peggy Morris.

Home Improvement: Phyllis Gobble, Lina Trent, Ruby Lee Mayberry, Brenda Robertson.

Leadership: Ann Martin.

Soil and Water Conservation: John Harrison.

Swine: Sammy Coleman, Pat Carcon.

Citizenship: Cary Ann Carson.

Demonstration Awards: Eloise Rosser, Ann Martin.

Danforth Awards: Betty Jane Alvis, Percy Lucado, Jr.

Her Plan

Neighbor: What do you plan to do, Janie, when you get as big as your mother?

Janie: Diet.

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